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7, 1899: Inspected and allowed entry, 541; refused entry and returned to Mexico, 1; total inspected, 542.

Person returned was from Monterey, Mexico, without certificate or other evidence of whereabouts during previous ten days.

Respectfully, yours, H. J. HAMILTON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox at Natchez, Miss.

NATCHEZ, MISS., *October 12, 1899.*

SIR: I have in detention under treatment a case of smallpox. He developed the disease about four days ago, upon his return from a visit to Bougere, Concordia Parish, La., where he states that all the colored people are afflicted with it. This is the second time I have heard that smallpox was prevailing in the southern portion of this parish. I reported the matter at once to the Louisiana State board of health.

Respectfully, yours, J. C. BALLARD,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox on Orcas Island, Wash.

PORT TOWNSEND QUARANTINE, WASH., *October 8, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to state the following facts relative to my telegram of October 6 concerning smallpox on Orcas Island. It was reported that there were 14 cases there and 1 death. The steamship *Lydia Thompson* is the only boat which makes regular trips to the island and other points on the sound, doing so every two days. I boarded her on arrival yesterday and found she had on board a letter addressed to the local health officer stating that 1 man had died of varioloid complicated with dropsy; that all persons who had been exposed were being closely watched, and that no other cases had as yet arisen. This letter was signed by a Dr. Wright and was in reply to a telegram sent to him by Dr. Tucker, asking as to the condition of affairs there.

I vaccinated all the crew of the *Lydia Thompson* and notified the captain that hereafter whenever he had passengers from Orcas Island he would be subject to inspection at the wharf until further notice.

Respectfully, yours, M. HUGH FOSTER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.